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2011 June Crop Acreage

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**All wheat** seeded acreage in Montana is estimated to be 5.78 million acres, up 340,000 acres from last year, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. **Spring wheat** producers seeded an estimated 3.0 million acres, up 150,000 acres from last year, and up 200,000 acres from March intentions. Acres intended for harvest, at 2.90 million, are up 170,000 acres from the previous year. The spring wheat crop condition for the week ending June 26 was rated 7 percent excellent, 49 percent good, 39 percent fair, 3 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. Spring wheat crop progress is behind last year and the 5-year average. Ten percent of the spring wheat crop has reached the boot stage. **Winter wheat** seeded acreage is unchanged from the March 1 estimate, but up 250,000 acres from last year to 2.3 million acres. Producers expect to harvest 2.15 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 200,000 acres from last year. The condition of the winter wheat crop is rated 13 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 29 percent fair, 9 percent poor and 2 percent very poor for the week ending June 26. The winter wheat crop development is behind last year and the 5-year average with 82 percent in the boot stage and 44 percent headed. **Durum wheat** seeded acreage, at 480,000 acres, is down 60,000 acres from a year ago, and down 30,000 acres from the March intended plantings. Durum wheat area intended for harvest is estimated at 470,000 acres, down 60,000 acres from last year.

Montana **barley** growers seeded an estimated 780,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year, and up 10,000 acres from March intentions. Barley growers intend to harvest 680,000 acres for grain this year, which is 60,000 acres above the previous year. Planted acreage for **oats**, at 50,000 acres, is 15,000 acres below 2010, and 5,000 acres below March intentions, and if realized this would be the lowest planted acreage on record. Growers intend to harvest 20,000 acres for grain, down 7,000 acres from a year ago.

**Hay** producers in Montana expect to harvest an estimated 2.75 million acres of all hay, 100,000 acres below last year. Of the total hay expected for harvest, 1.95 million acres are expected to be **alfalfa** hay, which is unchanged from last year's record high. Producers expect to harvest 800,000 acres of **other** hay, which is down 100,000 acres from a year ago.

Montana **corn** growers planted an estimated 75,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from a year ago, but up 5,000 acres from the March 1 intentions. Acreage intended for harvest as grain, at 36,000 acres, is up 2,000 acres from last year. **Sugar beet** producers planted an estimated 44,800 acres, up 2,200 acres from 2010, but down 1,100 acres from March intentions. Producers intend to harvest 44,700 acres, up 2,200 acres from 2010.

Farmers in Montana planted an estimated 18,000 acres of **dry beans** in 2011, down 800 acres from last year and down 9,000 acres from March intentions. Producers expect to harvest 16,000 acres of dry beans this year, 1,700 acres below a year ago.

**Flaxseed** growers in Montana planted an estimated 21,000 acres this year, up 6,000 from last year's acreage but down 1,000 acres from March 1 intentions. Producers intend to harvest 20,000 acres of flaxseed this year, up 5,000 acres from last year. **Canola** growers in Montana planted an estimated 38,000 acres this year, up 20,500 from last year's acreage, and up 13,000 acres from March 1 intentions. Producers intend to harvest 37,000 acres this year, up 19,600 acres from last year. **Safflower** growers in Montana planted an estimated 13,000 acres this year, down 15,000 from last year's acreage. Producers intend to harvest 12,500 acres this year, down 14,500 acres from last year.

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**All wheat** planted area the United States is estimated at 56.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 2010. The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.1 million acres, is up 10 percent from last year. The 2011 **winter wheat** planted area is estimated at 41.1 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010 but down slightly from the previous estimate. Acreage is up from last year across most of the Soft Red winter area due to the early row crop harvest last fall and higher prices. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.3 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2011 is estimated at 13.6 million acres, down 1 percent from 2010. Of the total, about 12.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Grain area is expected to total 13.2 million acres, 1 percent below 2010. **Durum wheat** planted area is estimated at 1.70 million acres, down 34 percent from 2010. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 1.65 million acres, 35 percent below 2010.

**Barley** producers seeded 2.82 million acres in the U.S. for the 2011 crop year, down 2 percent from the previous year and the lowest seeded area on record. Harvested area, forecasted at 2.48 million acres, is up fractionally from 2010, but if realized, will be the second lowest since 1883.

Acreage seeded to **oats** for the 2011 crop year totaled 2.59 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year and the lowest total on record. Growers expect to harvest 934,000 acres, down 26 percent from 2010 and a record low.

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2011 is estimated at 92.3 million acres, up 5 percent from last year, and the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Growers expect to harvest 84.9 million acres for grain, up 4 percent from last year.

Area planted to **sugar beets** for the 2011 crop year is expected to total 1.24 million acres, up 6 percent from the 1.17 million acres planted in 2010. Harvested area is forecast at 1.20 million acres, up 4 percent from 2010.

U.S. **hay** producers intend to harvest 57.6 million acres of all hay in 2011, down 4 percent from 2010. Expected harvested area of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures**, at 19.3 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2010. Expected area for harvest for all **other types of hay** totals 38.3 million acres, down 4 percent from 2010.

U.S. **dry bean** planted area is forecast at 1.26 million acres for 2011, down 34 percent from 2010. Harvested area is forecast at 1.21 million acres, 34 percent below the previous year.

**Canola** producers planted 1.14 million acres in 2011, down 21 percent from 2010. The harvested area forecast for the Nation is 1.12 million acres, down 22 percent from last year. Area planted to **flaxseed** in 2011 is estimated at 229,000 acres, down 192,000 acres or 46 percent less than was planted in 2010. This represents the lowest acreage in the United States since 1997 when 151,000 acres were planted. Area for harvest is forecast at 224,000 acres, down 194,000 acres from 2010.

Planted area of **safflower** decreased 21 percent from 2010, to 137,500 acres in 2011. This is the lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 131,500 acres, down 22 percent from last year. Planted area of **mustard seed** is estimated at 26,000 acres, down 24,500 acres from 2010, and the lowest since 1996. Mustard seed area for harvest is forecast at 24,800 acres, down 23,300 acres from the previous year.

*In July, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will collect updated information on 2011 acres planted to Durum and other spring wheat in Montana. NASS previously collected planted acreage information during the first two weeks of June, with the results published in the June 30 Acreage report. At the time of the survey, a large percentage of acres remained to be planted in our state. To better assess planted acreage, NASS will resurvey the growers in July. If the newly collected data justifies any changes, NASS will publish updated estimates in the Crop Production report, to be released at 8:30 a.m. EDT on Thursday, August 11. It will be available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).*

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### June 1, 2011 Crop Acreage: Montana and U.S.

Crop	UNIT	Planted		Harvested	
		2010	2011	2010	2011
Montana		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
Winter Wheat	Bu	2,050.0	2,300.0	1,950.0	2,150.0
Durum Wheat	Bu	540.0	480.0	530.0	470.0
Spring Wheat	Bu	2,850.0	3,000.0	2,730.0	2,900.0
All Wheat	Bu	5,440.0	5,780.0	5,210.0	5,520.0
Barley	Bu	760.0	780.0	620.0	680.0
Oats	Bu	65.0	50.0	27.0	20.0
Corn for Grain 1/	Bu	80.0	75.0	34.0	36.0
Sugar Beets	Ton	42.6	44.8	42.5	44.7
Dry Beans	Cwt	18.8	18.0	17.7	16.0
Canola	Lbs	17.5	38.0	17.4	37.0
Flaxseed	Bu	15.0	21.0	15.0	20.0
Safflower	Lbs	28.0	13.0	27.0	12.5
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	1,950.0	1,950.0
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	900.0	800.0
All Hay	Ton	--	--	2,850.0	2,750.0
United States		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
Winter Wheat	Bu	37,335.0	41,108.0	31,749.0	32,307.0
Durum Wheat	Bu	2,570.0	1,698.0	2,529.0	1,647.0
Spring Wheat	Bu	13,698.0	13,627.0	13,359.0	13,220.0
All Wheat	Bu	53,603.0	56,433.0	47,637.0	47,174.0
Barley	Bu	2,872.0	2,815.0	2,465.0	2,480.0
Oats	Bu	3,138.0	2,587.0	1,263.0	934.0
Corn for Grain 1/	Bu	88,192.0	92,282.0	81,446.0	84,888.0
Sugar Beets	Ton	1,171.4	1,237.5	1,155.7	1,196.9
Dry Beans	Cwt	1,911.4	1,258.0	1,842.7	1,207.2
Canola	Lbs	1,448.8	1,142.8	1,431.0	1,121.4
Flaxseed	Bu	421.0	229.0	418.0	224.0
Mustard	Lbs	50.5	26.0	48.1	24.8
Safflower	Lbs	175.0	137.5	167.7	131.5
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	19,956.0	19,329.0
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	39,906.0	38,276.0
All Hay	Ton	--	--	59,862.0	57,605.0
1/ Planted for all purposes.					